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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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the claims:

nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished

nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished

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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

the claims, nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

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any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____

the claims, nos. _____

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-22	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-22	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-22	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 2000-247949 A

Document 2: WO 02/036117 A1

Document 3: JP 9-316053 A

Claims 1 to 22

The inventions set forth in claims 1 to 22 are novel and involve an inventive step in relation to documents 1 to 3.

Document 1 (example 1) presents the crystals that are obtained in example 1B from the description of the present application; however, document 1 does not make any disclosure with regards to the crystallization of a N-(3-cyano-4-methyl-1H-indole-7-yl)-3-cyanobenzene sulfonamide (hereinafter referred to as the "compound from the present application").

Meanwhile, documents 2 and 3 disclose compounds that are similar to the compound from the present application.

However, the C crystals and the A crystals, which are specific crystalline forms of the compound from the present application, cannot be considered to have been obvious to a person skilled in the art, even with consideration of the disclosures in documents 1 to 3 and

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common technical knowledge at the time the present application was filed. Furthermore, the C crystals and the A crystals that are set forth in the present application exhibit an advantageous effect in that said crystals exhibit a high level of light stability in comparison to other well-known crystals (refer to test example 2 in the description of the present application).